

HB 515 -- PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

This bill changes the laws regarding the Police Retirement System of the City of St. Louis, the Police Retirement System of Kansas City, the Civilian Employees' Retirement System of the Police Department of Kansas City, and the Employees Retirement System of the City of St. Louis.

POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

The bill changes the laws regarding the disability determination process of the Police Retirement System of St. Louis. The bill eliminates the board of police commissioners and transfers its responsibilities to the chief of police or the system's board of trustees as specified in the bill. The definition of "medical board" is changed from the board of three physicians of different disciplines appointed by the trustees of the police retirement board and responsible for arranging and passing on all required medical examinations and investigations regarding an application for disability retirement to the health care organization appointed by the trustees with those responsibilities.

The bill repeals the provision which specifies that the conclusions and recommendations regarding an application for disability retirement can be based upon the opinion of a single member of the medical board or that of an outside specialist if one is appointed.

EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

The bill allows an employee earning creditable service in the Employees Retirement System of the City of St. Louis who subsequently becomes a policeman for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department to elect to remain a member of the Employees Retirement System of the City of St. Louis or transfer membership and creditable service to the Police Retirement System of St. Louis.

The Employees Retirement System of the City of St. Louis must pay to the Police Retirement System of St. Louis an amount actuarially determined to equal the liability at the time of the transfer for any employee electing to transfer his or her benefits to the Police Retirement System of St. Louis.

POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF KANSAS CITY AND THE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS CITY

The bill changes the laws regarding credit for military service for a member of the Police Retirement System of Kansas City and the Civilian Employees' Retirement System of the Police Department of

Kansas City. Currently, a member who is on leave of absence for military service must be entitled to service credit for the time spent in military service and must not be required to pay any member contributions for the time. The bill specifies that, on or after August 28, 2015, a member who returns to service from a leave of absence for active duty military service must be entitled to service credit for the time spent in the military service only to the extent the member pays any required contributions to the system for the time he or she was on leave of absence up to a total of five years. The retirement board of each system may waive the required contributions for up to three years of creditable service if the member provides duty orders under Title 10 or Title 32 U.S.C. and discharge from active duty documentation in the form of a DD214 or NGB23.

The bill changes the laws regarding the Police Retirement System of Kansas City and the Civilian Employees' Retirement System of the Police Department of Kansas City by allowing a nonspouse beneficiary to elect to directly rollover an eligible rollover distribution made on or after January 1, 2010, to a specified individual retirement account, individual retirement annuity, or Roth individual retirement account.